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MS. CHANEL BLOUIN: This is Chanel Blouin, a statement taker with the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls in Toronto, Ontario. It's November 15th and the time is 2:05. Today I'm speaking with Peter Quill of the Pikangikum First Nation of Treaty 5, he resides at Pikangikum. He's here to tell his truth for his daughter, Judy Ann Quill, who was murdered on March 22nd, 2009, at Pikangikum. And he is here to tell his truth as a survivor. Christine Simard Chicago is here as health support. You are here voluntarily to provide your truth, and you agree to the videotaping and audio taping of your truth. You also understand that at the end of your truth you will be able to determine whether you would like your truth to be public or private at that time.

MR. PETER QUILL: Okay, so I begin?

MS. CHANEL BLOUIN: Yes.

MR. PETER QUILL: Okay, my name is Peter Quill, I'm from Pikangikum. I have, I have received some information in regards for this Inquiry. So I have wondered for many, many -- for the last couple of years, you know, if it's worthwhile to, to bring up the, the murder case of my daughter, Judy Ann Quill. She was 33 years old at that time, on March 22nd, 2009. That was the year that she -- and I have thought many days, you know,
that what an honour that would be if we could find some
solution for her death. Just to let her know that, that
we're here, still wondering why, why this has happened to
you. That's what I always thought.

I know one day -- I know one time I was
walking through the bush, and that was before she was gone.
Something struck me in the words, a voice that said that I
know something what's happening, that one of my daughters
will be gone. I don't know which one, I have four of them.
I came to one particular one that I, I will cherish if, if
she went surely. And he said not her, no. So in the
morning it came to me that it was her, that there didn't
have to be work. That's the thing that, that fear that
make my -- my last baby eh, is special. But I'm happy
outside, but inside I'm still angry and depressed.

But that morning she came, come visit us.
She brought some food to her mother, she clean up the
house, she was washing, washing dishes. There was a phone
call for her and she took it, and she left. She left the
dishes undone, and away she went for the last time, eh.
And I didn't bother to look where she went.

But around midnight the peacekeepers came to
my house and woke me up and said they beat up your daughter
Judy, she's in the hospital, out there in the bush. He
says I don't think she can survive that kind of beating.
And I asked him how did you find her? Two people came in, they found her in the bush. How did they find her? They said that they didn't know. They must have known what happened when they found her.

So I went to the nursing station and I wanted to get in there. The police were already there. They didn't allow me to come in. They didn't want me to go, to go in there. So I got upset and started swearing at everybody. I even swear the Lord's name. Why, why take her? So shock I guess.

But all the hours that I start -- I was basically -- I went overboard on my drinking. I drink so much in my life for the last, like 10 years probably, until the doctor told me that I was, I was a dead man walking. My kidneys were all gone, my liver was shot, my stomach was bleeding. I tried many ways to recover.

But during that time when they come to tell me she was slaughtered, killed, murdered, for whatever reason, I never, I never knew why. The investigation came. They didn't speak to -- I don't know, they spoke to one of them I think. But we heard many things among other people, what happened. But none of them wanted to speak what they see.

MS. CHANEL BLOUIN: So these are witnesses?

MR. PETER QUILL: But I get really -- could
be. But I get really angry when I think about the life.
The way they hide, the way they speak. The only thing,
after the investigation and the autopsy was done, they tell
me they took the brain out, and they were going to ship it
back and they never returned it. So she just stayed in
this state, her face, the face part of it.

After the investigation was done they said
she was too, too drunk to be alive. What does that mean?
If we get drunk you don't get beaten to your skull until
there's nothing in there. Somebody has to answer, how
someone can hit her.

So that's the, the reason why I'm here, is
to let people know that the investigation wasn't too, too
well on my end, on my part anyway. They just take that as
a second matter. And a dog's life, a dog's life is better
than human now.

And I heard there's a double, a double
standard kind of a law for the First Nations, I don't know.
And there's members in a lot of nations in Canada, maybe
hear somebody in another nation get that kind of treatment.
The whole Canadian system, we should go and demand justice.
But here I am because nothing ever was -- happened.

Basically it drained my life, my mind, my
body, my spirit. So I came forward with this panel just to
make my statement to the Canadians or whoever wants to hear
this. I'd like to see the -- you know they could have investigated better. If not, it's going to go on. It will go on. I know, I know it's happening in our communities, it's happening. People are getting murdered and they only get one year, two years, that's it. That there's not, not (inaudible) right, around First Nation.

I don't regret, I don't regret what I'm saying, but that's the way I am. I'm 66 years old, 67 now. Hopefully I will get a couple of more years to live because it's in the hands of God. If I live to 70 I will feel -- I will say thank you to the Creator.

If she was here -- my daughter was a good girl. She was the only daughter that come around, check on us around every two days. And she would make something to eat, do some cleaning. You know her mother, if her mother needs cleaning and washing she would do it. That's the kind of woman she was. But she was kind of shy.

Maybe if the investigators on that, on that, on her -- I hear -- I ask them did you investigate that guy. He said no. We went to him and even gave that girl a lie detector. (Inaudible). They said something (inaudible). How about on -- I always think how about on my family's side (inaudible) on my family's side it doesn't matter. If they seen something they should come forward, if they heard something they should come forward.
I know one night she came to talk to me and ask me if I would come to church. That's the only one that she did that. That's one part that ever sticks always in my mind. Why did she come to me to ask me to come to church? I've been going to church, but she wanted me to come to church for, for something. I never went. (Inaudible). I guess it’s too late now for her now. But she’s probably seen me going to church now. I took her word, but she's gone. Sometime, sometime I think she's coming. Sometimes I'm anxious to go. I said to my kids “If I go (inaudible). I said to my wife “If I’m gone, I’m gone” (inaudible).

But I want to thank my Lord Jesus today, he really, really shaped my life. (Inaudible) walking around at night-time. But I (inaudible). One day at a time. (Inaudible) But I’m still (inaudible) to go. But I was not ready to (inaudible). I work for the First Nation, I got to look after my in a wheelchair and (inaudible. Any questions that you want to ask?

**MS. CHANEL BLOUIN:** Yeah. So it seems that -- well what is the status of the investigation right how?

**MR. PETER QUILL:** H'mm?

**MS. CHANEL BLOUIN:** What is the status of the investigation right now? You were saying earlier that it was, it was a cold case so there's no activity.
MR. PETER QUILL: Well --

MS. CHANEL BLOUIN: Can you talk a little bit more about the investigation and the lapse and gaps that you, that you saw when it was being conducted?

MR. PETER QUILL: The status as far as I know -- if there was an ongoing investigation they would be looking around into it but they're not. That means they, they don't want -- they don't investigate. Because otherwise they would coming and ask me did you hear anything. Is that how that works?

MS. CHANEL BLOUIN: Yeah.

MR. PETER QUILL: Yeah. And that's, that's not right. You hear many cases where they continue on for 20 years, 30, 50 years until they find the person.

MS. CHANEL BLOUIN: When was the last time that they contacted you about your daughter's file?

MR. PETER QUILL: That was the first year I guess, eh? That first year they just basically come and told me that -- they told me that she was too drunk to make it home. You know that's not the, you know that's not the -- why she was -- she's gone.

MS. CHANEL BLOUIN: Because she had very bad trauma to her head, right?

MR. PETER QUILL: She was really smashed in her head.
MS. CHANEL BLOUIN: When the coroner's report was done was -- what was the conclusion of the coroner's report?

MR. PETER QUILL: The coroner's report? That's something -- whether I miss it, or something I never heard, or it never come to me. But she was hit by a hard blow on her head, that's the only thing that they said.

MS. CHANEL BLOUIN: When the --

MR. PETER QUILL: And when I saw her, her body was all bruised up all the way up here to her arms, eh? All bruised. That's something terrible. Yeah, there was bruises at the bottom of her head.

MS. CHANEL BLOUIN: When the police, when the police said that she died of -- from having too much alcohol in her system, had they seen the coroner's report or were they just saying that before the coroner's report was complete?

MR. PETER QUILL: Maybe that's the thing that they -- what the outstanding or they might have seen it. The way they, the way they said it didn't make it right, it didn't sound right. You know they say she was too drunk to make it home.

MS. CHANEL BLOUIN: Did you feel that the fact that they were saying that was to dismiss the, the fact that she had been clearly attacked, did you feel like
it was because they wanted to close the case and not look
for a suspect?

MR. PETER QUILL: Like I said, when they
said that she was -- they would have continued
investigating if they know that she was attacked. She was
attacked, she was beaten. Maybe there's some, some words
in there that -- maybe there's a better used term that they
can use to explain what happened, instead of saying she was
too drunk to make it home.

MS. CHANEL BLOUIN: Yeah.

MR. PETER QUILL: She had too much alcohol
in her system.

MS. CHANEL BLOUIN: Did you have any
recommendations for the Commissioners that you thought of
while -- about either services that could have been in
place that could have, that could have helped you at the
time of her death, or could have prevented her death, or is
there anything that you can think of that could prevent
this from happening again?

MR. PETER QUILL: All those kind of cases
where they don't find anything, I guess they have to -- I
don't know if they ever had that kind of system on our
reserve where they have a reward stipulation on that,
you've got to come to the trial and sit and be a witness.
That's something that might help people be a witness, with
the stipulation that you have to come and be a witness and
give evidence.

MS. CHANEL BLOUIN: Because in Judy's case,
in the case of Judy's death there was -- there were
witnesses but they didn't want to come forward?

MR. PETER QUILL: I think I heard
(inaudible). My thoughts and my feelings are all the time,
you guys were there. Every time I look at the person, you
were there.

MS. CHANEL BLOUIN: Right.

MR. PETER QUILL: Anybody. Just hiding. Like
they're just running away, they're just running. You come
to the end someday, no place to run. I look at them,
everybody, the whole community, they were there.
(Inaudible). If something happened here they find it.
There are a lot of things that have come up that no one's
saying this particular (inaudible) see if something would
happen. It could bring justice for her. Even if it, even
if it (inaudible) it doesn't matter.

They have to come up and make, make
amendments and make it better than before. I believe in
the, I believe in the aftermath of this land, that we stand
before God. God knows everything. But that person
(inaudible) but I couldn't do anything. He informed me
that it was going to happen. (Inaudible) I think way
before that. That's something -- you don't hear much about this thing that, that the creator (inaudible) about something that's happened. There's where I get mad, it can't happen. (Inaudible). But still I want to see for everyone, for everyone to know what happened. I want that. I want whoever does that to not get away with it, or think they can get away with it. You only get a few hours in jail, and come out and then they do it again. But they'll do it again. If they're not caught they'll do it again.

MS. CHANEL BLOUIN: So you're hoping for harsher sentences?

MR. PETER QUILL: Yeah.

MS. CHANEL BLOUIN: For, for people who have committed these kinds of crimes so that they can't come back in the community and reoffend?

MR. PETER QUILL: What's that?

MS. CHANEL BLOUIN: It seems that you're saying that you would like to see harsher sentences for, for the perpetrators of this kind of crime, for murders.

MR. PETER QUILL: Yeah.

MS. CHANEL BLOUIN: So that they can't come back into the community and then -- for this to happen again?

MR. PETER QUILL: Yeah. I want to share this one, my grandson was killed too. He was 19, 17, 18.
And they got a pardon. They only done three years in jail. They come back (inaudible). How can we live with that? (Inaudible). Spiritually speaking I guess that's what I wish. I wish (inaudible). That's why there's no reason why. They have a chance to possibly find out what happen. They covered up all this thing that happened. (Inaudible) they will not help us. (Inaudible). They don't pursue better education. They're stuck. (Inaudible). People are fighting and all kinds of stuff going on. (Inaudible).

**MS. CHANEL BLOUIN:** And how have you and your -- how have you and your wife and family taken care of your spirit in the aftermath of losing Judy?

**MR. PETER QUILL:** How do I know the family?

**MS. CHANEL BLOUIN:** How have you and your family, and your wife and your children, how have you taken care of your spirit in the aftermath of losing Judy?

**MR. PETER QUILL:** This is something that is not even -- there's no -- I guess I can say that I guess, eh? We have many educated people, even educated in social services, to look out for each other. But they don't, they don't use them. They don't use many of the things that they should to look out for each other. The social, the mental health, the mental part of it. Hardly a person would ever come, they never come. Nobody ever came to visit me.
If you're drunk, drinking whiskey because I was drinking, they want to share with me. (Inaudible)
sometimes sharing, sharing the -- sharing what happened,
sharing, the grief. People are busy. (Inaudible). In our
tradition -- as far as I can remember in the 1950s, people
were still -- had that kind of a sharing, they would share
their grief with their relatives, with their family. It's
not there anymore. That's probably why I'm negative,
egatively strong, I'm not positive. You know what I mean?
My thoughts are negative not positive, huh? (Inaudible).
If I were asked if I believe in the police I would say no.
(Inaudible) by myself and do all these projects. If you
need me, I'll do it by myself. That's what I've been doing
most of my life, by myself. Because somebody come outside
to work with me and it's (inaudible). I don't know why
that is, but maybe that's what happened. (Inaudible).

I want to be on the good side of the people
as I can. But for some reason because of them I can't
finish with this business of not knowing what happened. I
may be (inaudible) but it's gone. Just the words, not the
action. I avoid, I avoid walking because I don't want to
be bothered. I've got a family (inaudible). I grew up in
(inaudible) side by side, but this ain't happening. Turn
that thing over (inaudible).

**MS. CHANEL BLOUIN:** Do you feel that it's
difficult to live in your community because they didn't
offer you the support that you needed ---

MR. PETER QUILL: Yeah.

MS. CHANEL BLOUIN: --- at this time?

MR. PETER QUILL: Until I know what
happened. (Inaudible) grandchildren yeah. She had two
grandchildren before she died. I mean they were born after
she died, those grandchildren. I wonder (inaudible).

MS. CHANEL BLOUIN: M'hm.

MR. PETER QUILL: [Private information – two
sentences redacted].

MS. CHANEL BLOUIN: How many children did
Judy have?

MR. PETER QUILL: Two. That one, the boy,
he's in real bad shape too. He never felt -- he was in and
out of jail because of that. He got really messed up.
(Inaudible) to learn that his mom was killed. I don't know
about the daughter (inaudible), she wander around. Maybe
she knows something. She doesn't want to (inaudible),
maybe she's afraid of something, that she gets beaten for
what she knows. [Private information – two sentences
redacted].

MS. CHANEL BLOUIN: [Private information –
one sentence redacted]?

MR. PETER QUILL: H'mm?
MS. CHANEL: BLOUIN: [Private information – one sentence redacted]?

MR. PETER QUILL: The daughter of Judy, yeah. [Private information – two sentences redacted]. She doesn't want to live with us (inaudible) because I'm trying to straighten her out at the same time, she doesn't like that, eh? (Inaudible) but he's got an angry spirit, angry man inside. I guess, you know, they want to know too.

(Inaudible) you know this kind of life, barely surviving. My health is bad because something is (inaudible). They told me I was a walking dead man, my memory is gone. Six month after I quit they call me up again and tell me everything looks good. They were trying to put me on medicine, I said no, I won't take it. You know because one thing (inaudible). My brain is coming back. I have a hard time -- I have a hard time remembering everybody. I have a hard time remembering the names, I have a hard time remembering where I put my stuff. (Inaudible). Basically that's what happened, shot, the bag was shot.

MS. CHANEL BLOUIN: M'hmm.

MR. PETER QUILL: (Inaudible) because I know I was just walking for a short distance. (Inaudible). Like I said, I wasn't using anything, but my memory is just -- but I had a dream. (Inaudible). A girl was born in my
family and she was there with me. I was going to see her, it was Christmastime. She asked me to come and see her in a dream. There she is. Then we left and she was gone. And this baby was born in the morning, there she was.

MS. CHANEL BLOUIN: And that's your, your granddaughter?

MR. PETER QUILL: H'mm?

MS. CHANEL BLOUIN: That's your granddaughter?

MR. PETER QUILL: Yeah.

MS. CHANEL BLOUIN: From a different daughter?

MR. PETER QUILL: Yeah. That's all I can -- that's all like (inaudible) Canada. The point where I'm giving up on that basically. My dreams are -- I don't know. If they can't find nothing I guess I have to wait for my Creator, see what he can do. He's the best one to rely on. If anything that they have so I can get out of this misery, miserable life that I went through because of the lack of investigation. Causing the whole family (inaudible). My sons, even my sons are (inaudible).

MS. CHANEL BLOUIN: Is there anything that you want to add?

MR. PETER QUILL: H'mm?

MS. CHANEL BLOUIN: Is there anything that
you wanted to add?

**MR. PETER QUILL:** I'm here, I'm here because I wanted to (inaudible). My feelings are something that (inaudible) when you have an unsolved murder. I hear some of these stories that they (inaudible). They are very troubling to me. (Inaudible) won't bring her back now. I said to her that (inaudible). Make it right.

**MS. CHANEL BLOUIN:** What would you want, what would you want people to remember about Judy?

**MR. PETER QUILL:** As far as -- she was kind of a shy girl, but she wanted, she wanted to do better things. You know she decorated well, she create things in the house. She put up pictures on the wall. If there's cleaning to do and the windows are filth, being dirty, she would do it. If she wants, if she wants something from her mother she will ask her for whatever, or she would come ask me. She would come search to me and ask me.

Because the one I have, Shirley, she will come over, and I have an iPod, a little one. So I have to buy her. She wasn't like that. She was (inaudible). She was better than the rest of them, working hard. She wanted to get an education. She wanted to get educated, that's what she wanted to do.

**MS. CHANEL BLOUIN:** What did she want to do for work, what were her aspirations for work, what did she
want to do with her education?

MR. PETER QUILL: She wanted to get training, onsite training all the time. She was pursuing that kind of training. She loved cooking, eh? So she applied for cooking jobs in the restaurant, you know? Bush work, bush work that's going on in the firefighting. She wanted to (inaudible). I don't know if she ever went -- I think she went to part of the Residential School system too, for awhile. One year probably. But she never received her (inaudible).

Some of her pictures were burned in my house. I had a fire in my house this summer, eh? (Inaudible) my wife hardly got up, she was wheelchair. And the three kids in the house. (Inaudible) almost every day, every two days she come. And when she comes I know she was coming for something. Sometimes she run out of food and she was packing food from the fridge (inaudible) prepare herself, lots of cleaning. The last time I saw her she didn't take nothing. I think somebody called her on the phone.

MS. CHANEL BLOUIN: Do you know who called her on the phone?

MR. PETER QUILL: H'mm?

MS. CHANEL BLOUIN: Do you know who called her on the phone when she left?
MR. PETER QUILL: That's something I don't know.

MS. CHANEL BLOUIN: Was her phone -- they called at home?

MR. PETER QUILL: That house was burned down too, hers. They give me a new house or rent a house anyway when my house burned. Yeah, my wife is in so much trauma. (Inaudible) in a wheelchair trying to get out, she was terrified.

MS. CHANEL BLOUIN: M'hmm.

MR. PETER QUILL: (Inaudible) to get something, you know. Get over with peace and the investigation should be corrected. Bring justice to the people that need justice. (Inaudible) something to say to you people and has a name. His name is Jesus and he's still looking after me. Thank you.

--- Upon adjourning.
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